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HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTION SYSTEM – PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

On February 18, 2014, the Board approved the Homeless Family Solution System (HFSS) redesign plan and authorized the Director of Public Social Services (DPSS) to enter into sole source contract negotiations with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to implement the HFSS redesign; and to enter into agreements, amendments, and other documents, as needed. In addition, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Directors of Mental Health (DMH) and DPSS to identify funding up to \$2,400,000, and report back on the source of this funding to be included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 proposed budget, for DMH to continue providing services to California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) homeless families, and to ensure that such mental health services are coordinated with the Family Solution Centers (FSCs).

This memo provides an update on the plan, budget and funding sources for mental health services to be provided in coordination with the HFSS to support CalWORKs homeless families coping with mental illness.

HFSS-Mental Health Program Component

DMH will add at least one psychiatric social worker to each of the FSCs throughout Los Angeles County. This will be accomplished by using existing contracts for six of the eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs) and by DMH directly operated clinics in two SPAs.

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In SPAs 4 and 6, two psychiatric social workers will be added to meet the projected need in these areas.

The below table highlights the mental health clinic and number of fulltime psychiatric social workers to be assigned to each SPA.

Mental Health Clinic	Psychiatric Social Workers (PSW)	Service Planning Area
Penny Lane	1 FTE	SPA 1
San Fernando Valley Community MH Center	1 FTE	SPA 2
Prototype	1 FTE	SPA 3
ENKI	2 FTE	SPA 4
DMH	1 FTE	SPA 5
Shields for Families	2 FTE	SPA 6
Pacific Clinics	1 FTE	SPA 7
DMH	1 FTE	SPA 8
	10 FTEs	

These psychiatric social workers will provide to CalWORKs families who are enrolled in the GAIN welfare-to-work program, mental health screenings; brief therapeutic interventions for crises; consultations for the FSCs teams; and linkages to local CalWORKs-funded mental health agencies for longer term mental health treatment and support. This program component will be coordinated by a mental health clinical supervisor and staff assistant II who will be linked to CalWORKs administration in DMH.

Budget and Source of Funding

The \$1.5 million for these psychiatric social workers will be funded using CalWORKs single allocation dollars and will be included in DMH's final budget changes for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Future Board Correspondence

In accordance with your Board's direction on February 18, 2014, my office will provide quarterly updates on the HFSS implementation, as well as a yearly evaluation of the program outcomes, utilization rates, housing outcomes, total program expenditures and leveraged funds for the HFSS and mental health services for CalWORKs homeless families, the first of which is due in six months after implementation of the HFSS.

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